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*"With exploring minds, and faith; we grow and learn together."*

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Dear Parents/Carers,

For this first, shorter week of Autumn term we have no official newsletter, but instead felt it best to share some of our school celebrations in a more traditional letter. Firstly, it has been a week of both 'discovery' and 'rediscovery' as our new children have got to grips with new rules and routines and our older children have rediscovered rules and routines that were in place before Covid. We have been taken back by the success in which all children have settled back into school. However, special mention must go out to our new Year 3 children, who have really stood out in getting used to new rooms, faces and rules. Certainly something worth celebrating!!

Stuart Robinson – For those families who have been watching the Paralympic Games in Tokyo you have noticed that Team GB won their first gold medal in wheelchair Rugby. Stuart Robinson is a key player in this gold winning team and we were fortunate enough to welcome Stuart into our school a couple of years ago who then talked to the children of his ambition to compete in the upcoming Paralympics and shared his story of strength, resilience and determination to overcome injuries whilst serving in the armed forces. All at St James would like to share how proud we are of Stuart and the rest of the team in becoming Paralympic Gold Medallists!

Book Returns – Could I ask that all families have a search for school reading books at home. During our times of lockdown we were keen to ensure that children had access to a wide range of reading books so many were sent home. Unfortunately, now that we have returned to our whole-school library, the shelves are looking bare compared to previous years. We feel that many books may well be lurking in bedrooms and bookshelves at home. Also, if families are having a clear out of books that are in good condition and are of junior school age, we would be more than grateful to accept them. Many thanks

SchoolMoney App – Hopefully by now all new Year 3 parents have access to the SchoolMoney App. On the App you should now see school menus to be able to pre-order and pay. In addition, you can also book EBASC clubs, sports clubs, music tuition and order PE kits. If you have any issues please contact the school office on 01946 695311.

PE Kit – We have been notified by suppliers that have explained that we should have our ordered PE kits with us by next week. Once they're on-site we will be able to hand them out to families. If you haven't



already, I would ask you to make an order for the school PE kit through SchoolMoney and we can place a further order at the end of next week. Whilst waiting for the PE kit to arrive, it is fine for the children to come into school in suitable sports attire i.e. leggings, football shorts, t-shirts etc with their school jumper as normal. All children are expected to come in their kit on their chosen PE day.

Class Welcome Letter - Today every child will be coming home with a welcome letter from their class teacher. This letter details important dates in the termly calendar, as well as details of homework routines and allocated PE days. On the reverse you will find details of the topics that the children will study this half-term.

Finally, it has been great seeing the children welcoming back classmates and enjoying their time in class and playing with others. The whole staff here are hopeful that it will be a wonderful Autumn term and have been busy planning lots of extra fun bits such as clubs, trips, and events. Until then I wish you all a great weekend.

Many Thanks



Mr A Beattie  
Head Teacher

